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Vanished Smile: The Mysterious Theft of the Mona Lisa

R.A. Scotti

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R.A. Scotti on *Vanished Smile*

Mona Lisa is the most famous face in the world, yet few among the thousands who flock to the Louvre to see her every day know that she was ever stolen. Who pinched Mona Lisa--and why?

The most surprising facts in the case:

1. 98 years ago, Mona Lisa vanished from the wall of the Louvre Museum.
2. No one noticed for more than 24 hours.
3. Pablo Picasso was a prime suspect in the theft.
4. Her mysterious disappearance made Mona Lisa the most famous wanted woman in the world.
4. Mona Lisa remained missing for more than 2 years and was presumed lost forever.
5. A letter signed "Leonardo" led police to the lost painting.
6. Almost 100 years later, the brazen crime remains unsolved. --R.A. Scotti

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